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BOND COMMISSION MEMBERS, WYATT FAMILY HONORED AT CITY WALK CEREMONY

On Monday, November 1, the City of Hickory held a brief ceremony on the City Walk to celebrate the accomplishments of the bond program and recognize individuals in the community who have had a profound impact on improving Hickory through its revitalization efforts.



Following comments from Mayor Hank Guess and Bond Commission Chair Frank (Burk) Wyatt, the City unveiled a special tribute to all Bond Commission members on the City Walk. The plaque lists the names of former and current Bond Commission members and thanks them for their support of the bond program and their service on the commission.

Shortly after the passing of Hickory's bond referendum in November 2014, the Bond Implementation Commission was formed in April 2015 to share the voice of the community and help guide the bond projects from concept to design to fruition.

"Citizen involvement has been vitally important since the onset of the bond program," said Mayor Guess. "The Bond Commission has played a significant role in the bond process by reviewing project design concepts, providing feedback to City staff and project partners, and ultimately making recommendations to the Hickory City Council on how to proceed."

Guess continued, "Since the Commission's formation in 2015, numerous Hickory citizens have stepped up and dedicated their time and talents to serve on the 42-member Bond Commission for the City of Hickory and help move the bond program forward. Their service, support, and passionate involvement in the bond program over the years has greatly contributed to the overall success we are now experiencing as a result of the bond projects."



After the unveiling of the tribute, the City dedicated and named the Third Street pedestrian bridge as the Wyatt Bridge in special recognition of Burk Wyatt's contribution of time, talent, and resources to the success of the Hickory bond program as chair of the Bond Implementation Commission.

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Tuesday, January 4 & 18
7 p.m.

Julian G. Whitener
Municipal Building (City Hall)
HickoryNC.gov



MLK JR. DAY

City Offices CLOSED
Monday, January 17



LR VISITING WRITERS SERIES: D.M. SPATLEY

Thursday, January 20
7 p.m.

P.E. Monroe Auditorium, LRU
LR.edu/VWS

THE COLOR PURPLE

January 21 - February 5
Hickory Community Theatre
HickoryTheatre.org

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Plaques displayed on both ends of the bridge honor the Wyatt family - Frank (Burk) Wyatt and his wife, Brenda, and their children, Sydney, Frankie, and Eli.

North Carolina State Senator Dean Proctor was also in attendance at the event to present Burk Wyatt with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor awarded by the Office of the Governor.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is presented to honor persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments.

"In his 25-year-tenure with Hickory-based CommScope, Burk helped guide the company to become a global leader in infrastructure solutions for communications networks. Yet he always made time to volunteer on numerous committees and organizations, sharing his expertise across the region. Through his professional career and civic service, he made many contributions to improve the Hickory community and promote economic development," said Mayor Guess.

Wyatt has served as the chairman of the City of Hickory's Bond Commission since its inception and has played an integral role in leading the group in its mission to enhance Hickory through several bond-funded catalyst projects.

"Thanks to his vision for the future and support of our revitalization efforts, Burk's leadership has guided the Bond Commission over the years as we have watched ideas and plans turn into real-life amenities and economic development opportunities," added Guess. "Burk Wyatt's 34 years of service in North Carolina and dedication to improving the Hickory community through his leadership at CommScope and as the chair of the City's Bond Implementation Commission make him a worthy recipient of The Order of the Long Leaf Pine."

For the latest updates on the City of Hickory's economic growth and revitalization projects, including the City Walk and other bond projects, please check out the Crafting the Future section on CraftingHickory.com.

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HICKORY FOOTHILLS CAM

Want to keep an eye on the happenings in downtown Hickory? The City of Hickory has installed a new live streaming webcam from EarthCam in the downtown area.

The new Hickory Foothills Cam showcases various aerial views of the downtown area and is now live streaming on the City's website at www.hickorync.gov/hickory-foothills-cam.

The Hickory Foothills Cam will enable people to virtually enjoy the natural beauty of Hickory and the foothills in all seasons throughout the year.

